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Mr. Howard P. Leibow
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Office of County Attorney
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Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Mr. Leibow:

Your question, does §15-444, paragraph "B" restrict the term of employment to the class of persons enumerated?

CONCLUSION: Yes.

§15-444 (B) Arizona Revised Statutes, reads as follows:

"The term of employment of superintendents, or principals, may be for any period not exceeding four years."

In construction of the meaning of that provision, the general principle *expressio unius est exclusio alterius*, is applicable. That principle means that when there is a mention of one thing, it implies the exclusion of another. In §15-444 (B), two classes of persons, superintendents and principals, are enumerated.

It is the opinion of this office that term of employment not exceeding four years is restricted to principals and superintendents.

Very truly yours,

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